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LOK SABHA

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SEISMOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government had agreed in principal in the meeting held on 8th October, 2001 at New Delhi for the establishment of Institution of Seismology Research in Gujarat and to make appropriate provision in 10th Five Year Plan for the same; and

(b) if so, the reasons for not making any provision to this effect in 10th Five Year Plan by the Department of Science and Technology?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) & (b) : A statement is attached.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2387 DUE 30.07.2002 REGARDING SEISMOLOGY RESEARCH CENTRE IN GUJARAT

A proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat for setting- up of a Seismological Research Institute in Gujarat.The Office of Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India convened a meeting on 8th October, 2001 to discuss the proposal.As a follow-up, an Expert Group was set up by Department of Science & Technology to work out the details including the estimated cost and possible financing patterns and mechanism. The Expert Group has submitted its report and action has been initiated for processing the proposal further. The Department is supporting various research projects to different institutions for earthquake hazard studies in Gujarat. These studies are being scaled up through the existing budgetary provisions of the Department. The Gujarat Government has also initiated action to seek external assistance from agencies like the World Bank and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to support the activities of the proposed Institute. No separate budgetary allocations are available in the 10th Plan for the Institute.

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